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HYDROXY-VINYL-AROMATIC POLYMERS
OR COPOLYMERS BY ANIONIC OR
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POLYMERIZATION

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/533,574

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Enclosed herewith are copies of the European Search Report and EP 0488748.

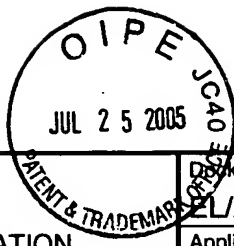
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